GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME IN EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of awareness of the national AIDS Control Programme has spread amongst the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Eastern States are still low on AIDS awareness; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to intensify awareness programme among the people, especially in the Eastern States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The National AIDS Control Organization through its awareness campaigns has significantly raised the levels of awareness in India.

(b) The results of the National Family Health Survey (1998- 99) showed that the level of awareness about HIV/AIDS in India was 40.30%. According to National Baseline Behavioural Survey (2001) the awareness level has increased to 76.1%.

(c) The levels of awareness in the eastern states viz. West Bengal, Orissa and Bihar have risen significantly over the last three years. A Statement showing the change in awareness levels is at Annexure-I.

(d) At the State level intensive and focused Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are being undertaken by the State AIDS Control Societies to respond to local priorities and communication in local languages.

Annexure - I

AWARENESS LEVEL OF HIV AIDS

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Sl No.	Name of the State	Percentage of Ever married Women Age 15-49 with Knowledge of HIV/AIDS	Awareness on HIV/AIDS among general population
		National Family Health Survey (1998-99)	National Baseline Behavioural Survey (2001)
1	Bihar	11.70	40.30
2	Orissa	39.00	67.10
3	West Bengal	26.40	58.20